# THE HUMOROUS SIDE OF LIFE.

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CURIOUS CONCEITS OF THE FUNNY MEN SEEN AND DESCRIBED. . .

"Habits is hard t'change," observed Uncle Bill. Thet's true of pants jest as much as it is of people. Once a pair of fannel pants contracts a habit they'll keep right on contractin' an' nothin' 'll stop 'em."

Jake Abbott's boy Hi went ter town last summer an' bought back a pair uf flannel pants, same as them swell city fellers wear. The man in the store told Hi thet they wouldn't shrink. He said they'd been washed an' shrunk so much already thet they couldn't shrink any more.

They did though. After th' first time Aunt Mandy washed 'After th' first time Aunt Mandy washed 'em they shrunk up t' th' top of Hi's shoes. After th' third washin's she ran puckerin' strings round th' bottoms ter make knee pants fur Hi's little brother Eb.

"Which all goes to show th' truth uf what I said about habits. Them pants had been shrunk so durn much afore they wus bought that they'd got th' habit an' couldn't break emselves afterward." Uncle Bill. Thet's true of pants jest as

The Poer Rich







Algy—Yes, we're very happy. As the poets put it, we're two souls with but a single thought."

Monty—And that belongs to her, of course.

Did she have it before you were married? Probably Not.

Dear Mamma it rains here most all the time rou never saw such a bad spel of wether Harvard Lampoon.



Samuel-Have you announced your en pagement to her mother yet?

Daniel—But I'm not engaged to her mother

-it's the daughter, you know.

Amy-The way you wear your hair is be

Mamy-Oh, thank you, dear. Amy-Becoming very common, dear, was about to say -- Penneylvania Punck Boul. FUN OF THE COLLEGE BOYS. He Creaked.

One night a builfrog croaked and I
Went out as mad as I could be.
Quite bound that he should have to die For making all that noise, you see. Five times with all my might I soaked That bullfrog-when he up and croaked -Cornell Widow.

Returning the Compliment.

Good Old Lady—I wouldn't smoke cigar-ettes if I were you, little boy! Diminutive Mucker—An' I wouldn't smoke 'em if I was you.—Harvard Lampoon.

He Was One.

Mother—My daughter, you should not call your younger brother "the kid." A kid, you know, is a young goat. Daughter—Yes, mother, that's just it Willie is always butting in.—Cornell Widow.

Class Limitation.

"What portion of your graduating class ntered the university?" "About 50 per cent." 'Yes. The other fellow couldn's come.

The Strenuous Life. Life is real and life is earnest.

And we all have stunts to do; Even if they are not pleasant, We have got to see them through

Knowing this the little bumble Bee will hustle like a chump, Just to furnish an example

That will make a sluggard hump.

And the robin clears the garden Of the surplus bugs and worms.
While the little fresh mosquito
Peddles 'round the fever germs. -Harvard Lampoon

But It Wasn't His Fault. Henry-Did the murderer keep cool when

he went to the block?

George—No: he lost his head entirely.

—Princeton Tiger.

Fauna of Philadelphia From the Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

The Nighthawk .- This is a bird of prey that scavenges on men's pocketbooks. It is usually ferocious, uncleanly in its habits, has a loud scream and is distinctly nocturnal.

The Scapegoat—An animal that is widely distributed and of several varieties. It has been found as far back as the time of Livy, and we suspect was known even before then. It is unlike other goats in that it is almost always mild, seldom butts and is very docile and credulous.

The Sponge-Resembles the species found outside of this locality very distinctly and is always found attached to something, usually "rocks." Like the imported sponge it can be "treated" after death, but has not the same utility.

The Bookworm—An ophidian that seldom crawls into the light of day, but prefers to dig into old books. Its eyes are usually small, its body slim and its color a minus quantity. It often avoids men and, though the ancients esteemed it a very wise animal, its abilities have fallen into some slight disrepute in modern times.

The Bigbug—This is somewhat of a rara aris, and, like its kind, usually objectionable. It is generally found in restaurants feeding on scrape of adulation, and haunts public places and crowds where it can be seen. It is of several varieties: the predatory, or financial; the lachrymose, or artistic, and the bibulous, or political. VI.

The Gayoldog-A very memilias biped.

### FAT COP REVIEWS state. It is rather numerous, largely noc-turnal in habits and very noisy. It is con-vivial, seldom travelling alone, and almost CAPT. PIPER.

The Spitecat-Not at all indigenous to this locality, and so very common and well known as to call for no comment.

VIII.
The Wharfrat—Usually seen along the The Wharfrat—Usually seen along the Delaware in the summer. The younger male specimens are more frequent and are found very annoying to old ladies on ferry-boats on account of their nude state. The scream is loud and shrill. They are not quite amphibious, but are very good swimmers.

IX. The Socialion—Not at all fierce nor vicious; this animal's name belies it. It is easily tamed when in captivity and is not at all averse to being petted and fondled. We have often seen young maidens feed it sweets with perfect impunity. Different specimens of this same genus vary very largely in habits



e very painful. Veterinary-Not a bit of it. I've docked undreds of 'em and never felt it at all.

An Extraordinary Case.



Baloos-Here's something about a man who was found lying on the sidewalk with his head cut. The ambulance doctor said it was only a slight scalp wound and sent him home.
Triggs—And what was it? A fractured

The New York Policeman and the London Bobby and the Differences Between Them.

"If Capt. Piper picked a peck of pickled coppers, pipe the pickled——"
"He's back from London I see," interrupted the doorman.

doing house duty.
"Were his investigations of th' furrin' cops successful, I wonder?

"Highly so, highly so. I see by th' papers that he discovered things by goin' abroad that he'd otherwise niver have known about unless somebody told him. Th' minute th' London police got a clue that th' great Capt. Piper, invintor uf th' fashionable straight-front-littlefinger - on - the - out side-seam policeman,

THE NEW TORK COP. was in their midst they immediately voted him th' full freedom of Scotland Yard. This is an honor that has been valuely sought by some ofth' most prominent bank officials and curio collectors in England

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"With these opportunities at his disposal, of course, the Commissioner was in a position to judge with authority as it th' respected merits of th' London force as compared with th' New York force.

"In th' first place he learned thot th' London force has more min in it, an' that it was founded siveral years before th' New York cops. But while th' London force is fatter an' older as a body, individually they're thinner an' at least thy years younger. Thot's a paradox.

"He says that there's no reason, so far as he can see, why th' New York cops should be so much older, as careful investigation has convinced him that th' min of th' two forces were all born at th' same age. It must be, he thinks, that th' New York cops lead a faster life than their London cousins.

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"Another thing that surprised him was that there was so many more Englishmen on the London police force than there are here. Over there it's th' exception, he says, t' see a cop that was 'made in Germany.' He mint t' say 'born in Germany,' I suppose, fur he must know that policemen are born an' not made until after they become naturalized.

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"Th' English cops, or bobbes, as th' Commissioner, upon searchin' inquiry, found out they were called, catch burglars where we wouldn't. But thin on th' other hand we catch burglars where they wouldn't. They'd be about 3,000 miles off post if they did. So y' cant tell much from thot.

"They handle the traffic laws. But considerin' over there better than we do here considerin' our traffic laws we handle our traffic laws we handle our traffic laws we handle our traffic, as far as the eye can reach, comes t' an absolute standstill. Here we have to hold up th' entire traffic as far as the eye can reach an' even then it's a toss-up

the traffic as far as the eye can reach an eye on then it's a toss-up whether it stops or not.

Y can judge for yealif th' difference in th' laws of the traffic example which the Commissioner gives. In London they have

sort to keep them all busy, week in and week out.

The winter trade is particularly exasperating, because storms often delay incoming ships so that several of them arrive together, and this, of course, makes the work of getting the immigrants of come in a lump.

Then, too, all sorts of people come over and they talk in all sorts of tongues and dialects. If they are confused and try to make their wants understood, it takes a linguist to unsnarl the tangle. There again is where Gunther has proved himself a handy man. In the course of years he has picked up enough of half a dozen languages so that he can understand the wants of pretty nearly every immigrant and can set the wanderer straight.

"But it is hard work just the same," is the way Gunther puts it.

Presidents Play an Important Port in Accessories of Dress.

a law that says no one must unload any merchandise in th' crowded part of th' city durin' th' busy part uv th' day Why, if one uv these bobbies was so unfortunate as t' have one piece of goods unloaded on his post, Cap Piper says, he'd be broke on th' spot.

"Now, in this country it's different. A man can unload goods all over th' sidewalk in th' busy part av th' day. 'Tis when we see him backing a truck up against a door in th' still, deserted hours of th' early mornin' that our suspicions is aroused.

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"If th' firm fails as soon as th' truck croases th' ferry, the satisfaction of knowin' thot our suspicions were right scarcely balances our grief over being kicked off th' force we've served so long an' disinterestly.

"The London bobby keeps his little finger on th' outside seam on his trousers better'n we do, but their seams are broader an' 'tis easier fur them. They wear more of a straight front than we do, but we're more crooked by nature, an' are not to blame fur thot.

"Graft there is as common as it is here, but it doesn't come in such thick slices. Th' bobby will say 'Thanks' fur a tip thot'd cause even a probationary cop t' turn up his nose with righteous indignation

"Capt. Piper wus told thot there were no gamblin' dins, poolrooms or disorderly houses in London. I've heard police captains tell strangers th' same thing about their precincts here.

"Takin' everything into consideration, Commissioner Piper, after due investigation, has decided thot th' London cops are better in London an' th' New York cops are better in New York. 'Everything in its place,' says he, an' so say I."

E Pluribus Unum.



Goslyn-His parents are most respect Canadians.
Joslyn—Heavens, what an extensive partiage!



Good Cause for Complaint.

Editor-I am sorry to hear, parson, that you are displeased with the church announce-

"Young man," said the professor, as he grabbed a frisky junior by the shoulder "I believe Satan has got hold of you." "I believe he has," was the reply .- Ez-

"And she hung on your words?"
"Yes, till my voice broke."—Yale Record.

HIS OWN STORY OF HIS ESCAPE

When Major-Gen. William B. Franklin died last week, the newspapers mentioned among other incidents of his career the fact

that he was once captured by the Con-federates but escaped. Here is the story of that escape as he himself told it once at the request of Gen. Grant. Gen. Franklin was a member of the Board of Visitors at West Point in June, 1868. One evening, while a party of old graduates were

have heard the particulars and I want you to hear how things happened and how he

in their action attractional themselves out to sleep after designating one man to happ awake for an hour to watch me and that he could stake up his relief from the group They were all soon for sciency except the watcher.

"I had myself out and apparently went to sleep But I dictor I hapt my

to the ground when I heard the voice. I got slowly up again.
"It was only a question of seconds, I stepped over one of the men who was nearest to me and got away a few steps when I was held in check by a voice. Again it was a sleeper talking.
"Slowly I crept along till I thought I'd got at a fair distance where they would not hear my footsteps, then—I hurried along. I never hurried so fast in my life. Well to make a long story short, I scrambled, ground when I heard the voice. I got slowly up again.
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"I saw at last that I was near a great cornfield. The ground was full or brake-wood and brambles and pitfalis and in my weak condition I was in a had plight. But the knowledge that my captors would, as soon as they discovered my escape, scour the land for me, which probably they knew every inch of, gave me some strength.

"Heavenel How long I tramped in the corn field I know not. But where was I going? All I knew was that I was going into a corn field that seemed to have no end. The corn was high and close ranked together, I saw.

"Finally, exhausted, I reached a speciate as pie of brambles that had apparently been dumped there, and even there the corn field was thick. I could go no further I used my last strength burrowing myself under the brambles and dead wood, covering myself up completely. How long I lay there I don't know. But I soon heard shouts and the rush of horses right through the field. It was my captors. They actually, one or two of them, rode right over my and galloped near me a dozen times in their mad hunt for what seemed to me many hours.

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"That is came to my senses. I had been wandering in my mind—the army I thought for our swaying to and fro with the wind, and the bayonets I had seen were the silky curn stalk tipe in up by the sun It was day time—probably high noon.

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### NOTELLING ABOUT THE HORSES.

MEETINGS OF BOOKMAKERS WITH THE UNEXPECTED. Montana Man's Error-The Sure Thing

why—
"I don't know nothin' 'bout no jockey,'
said the grizzled man. I ain't a-puttin'
up no dough on a jockey—I'm a-playin'
hosses. You didn't say nothin' 'bout no
jockey—you said, plain, that if this yere
hoss o' mine comes home in front o' th'
other hosses I win, an' Petey,' he added,
suddenly placing a gun-barrel within about
two inches of my left temple. I sure have got my mind made up a hull lot that you're a-goin' t' stick t' them words. Them five hundred, son, an' real handy an' quick-like!'

"I had the privilege of going after the worst nags in training for mine to wind up in the absolute ruck, but they never came that way for me. One time I picked a horse that was a 1,000 to 1 shot to finish last, but I couldn't even get away with that—the 1,000 to 1 shot was next to last, beating the 6 to 5 favorite, which broke down in the race.

"I'd be willing to bet \$1,000 to \$500 against any man's money that I can name more winners at the New York tracks this year than he can pick horses to finish last, and his rider. Can't you understand that? If he'd brought his jockey home in front,

winners at the New York tracks this year than he can pick horses to finish last, and I'd feel as if I were stealing it if anybody were to take that up. The reason is that when a horse is good you can pretty nigh always tell within a few pounds just how good he is, but a bad horse with the confirmed also ran habit is a mystery from his foaling day until he reaches the glue factory.

"I saw a big Chicago poolroom get put out of business one day on one race in which none of the horses actually ran, chimed in another of the stoolmen. "It was in the summer of '97, and the plant was

### AN IMMIGRANT GUIDEPOST. HE. SETS THE NEWCOMERS ON THEIR

WAY, MAKING NO MISTAKES. Handler of the Eric Railroad-If

week, but there are mighty few who have more to do and a more exasperating colthe Eric Railroad station in Jersey City. It is his job to steer to their right course all the immigrants who are sent out to their new homes over that road. And if you don't think there's work in that go over there and watch him when he's at it. Confederate Army in the Civil War and waded through pretty nearly everything all right until Gettysburg, when a Union bullet landed in his right leg near the thigh. The bullet left a suspicion of a limp, which, however, does not prevent the owner of the leg from getting around in lively shape and doing some things which another man

of 69 years would stop and think about.

When the war was over Gunther came
to New York and got a job as conductor
on the Eric. In those days the Eric ran its own sleeping cars, and they were of such a pattern that they were harder to handle than the present-day Pullmans. In 1873, when the great immigration tide was setting in and there arose problems as to care in transporting the immigrants, Gunther was selected to look out for the

The other roads have men to do the same thing for them, but Gunther with his thirty

thing for them, but further with his thirty years of experience has a right beyond much doubt to call himself the dean of all in his craft.

At this time of the year the immigration figures are not so very large, but in a few works there will be a hig difference. Even at the tide of immigration is now, the Erie, of an average, gets from fifty to a hundred of the would be Americans every slay.

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say that Gunther started them all without any assistance in the train yard.

That was one of the days when the Erie had to send out all the immigrants who were bound to Chicago and places west of that city. This western part of the trade is divided up among nine railroads, each of which gets the whole western immigrant transportation trade every ninth day. In the short-haul business each road shifts for itself and there is enough of this sort to keep them all busy, week in and

SPRING JEWELRY.

Pendants Play an Important Part in Accessories of Bress.

Pendants play an important part in the spring jewelry. The newest brooches all have pendants. The belt buckle and girdle clasps have from two to five ornaments ewinging from the main framework, and the useful little contrivances for holding boas and revers in place and keeping jacket fronts together have dangling ornaments that bob about marrily as the wearer moves.

Uncommonly pretty pendants are made of white carnelian. Others are of mother-of-pearl, of fancy metal and of bone-like substance that admits of dainty coloring and has a design in relief traced on the upper surface. Some of the dangling balls and pear-shaped pendants attached to gold or enamelied ornaments are of crystal, either white or of color to match the enameling. Still others of light silver or metal hear a gens assigned in the end, annell, fine-eyed stone that gives out a striking gleam when the light touclass it.

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## GEN. FRANKLIN'S CLOSE CALL.

talking about old times, Gen. Grant asked Gen. Franklin to tell about the accident that befell him when the Confederates got him. "Franklin told it to me once," said Gen. Grant, "but you other people never

to hear how things happened and how he came out of it all and so is able to be here to-night."

"I had been wounded at Sabine Cross Roads—that was April s. 1864—and had generally become pretty bad in stamina," said Gen. Franklin, "and so was forced to become temporarily an invalid. I was in a car one evening on the road between Baltimore and Philadelphia when a troop of Confederate guerrillas took possession of things, I being one of those things.

"Finding they had a Major-General of the Union Army they felt jubilant. They didn't seem to think it was worth while to capture anylody else and so I was walked out alone. They treated me kindly—indeed kind o'

anybody else and so I was walked out alone. They treated me kindly—indeed kind o' sympathised with me, but added, Them things we're doin' is war, General.

"Where they intended to take me I knew not—to the nearest Confederate prison, of course, but where was that? There were about twenty of them, and after we had tramped along through the woods for hours they decided they'd go into camp for the night.

"They built a five and made a big circle of themselves around it, with me nearer the fire than they were, so they wouldn't lose sight of me. We had a fairly good supper, thanks to what those chape had got from the car they had stailed and there they sat and smoked till they began to

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Parson—Displeased! Read this, sir. "Next"
Sunday evening the Rev. Mr. Parsons will speak upon the devil. The address should be well worth hearing, as Mr. Parsons is always full of his subject." The Bellef Was Mutual. Paradoxical. Bryte-What's the trouble, Dumhead?

Dumhead-Somehow or other the more debts I contract the more they expand.



